

# IS FOOTBALL BRUTAL? AGAIN BECOMES A BURNING ISSUE.

The Georgia Legislature  
Votes to Make It  
Unlawful.

FEW DISSENTING VOICES.

Mother of Boy Killed in  
That State Opposes  
the Bill.

PLEADS FOR ITS DEFEAT.

Long List of Accidents and  
Fatalities Already Recorded  
This Season.

MAY CHANGE THE STYLE OF PLAY.

The Present Tactics Employed to Ad-  
vance the Ball Likely to Be  
Modified as a Result of  
the Discussion.

Is football a brutal game? The ques-  
tion has again become a burning  
topic, forced upon the public by  
the unusual number of deaths and seri-  
ous accidents which have resulted even  
thus early in the present season.

So deeply concerned are the people of  
Georgia, aroused by the death of a popu-  
lar player on the team of the State  
University, that the House of Represent-



TYPICAL SCRIMMAGE DURING A HOTLY CONTESTED FOOTBALL GAME.

(From a snap-shot photograph taken especially for the Journal.)

Question Discussed by  
Men and Women of  
Prominence.

BOTH SIDES PRESENTED.

Experts Tell the Journal  
That the Game Is Not  
a Bad One.

OTHERS SAY IT'S BRUTAL.

Rev. Madison C. Peters and Mrs.  
Elizabeth Grannis Attack  
It Bitterly.

FATHER DESHON'S DEFENCE.

Captains of College Teams Declare  
That the Prejudice Being Aroused  
Against the Game Is  
Unwarranted.

Image Seneca, right tackle on the Cadet  
football eleven, died last night from in-  
juries received while returning from the  
game at Philadelphia last Saturday. The  
Pennsylvania Railroad train which carried  
the redskins was crossing Girard avenue  
bridge, Philadelphia, when Seneca put his  
head out of a window and was struck by a  
telegraph pole. He fell back unconscious  
and continued so until death came.  
He was eighteen years of age, belonged  
to the Seneca tribe and had been at the

## FOOTBALL'S RECORD FOR THIS SEASON.

### DEAD.

Benjamin Rich, Tyrone, Pa.  
Andrew Hasebe, Steinway, L. I.  
Richard V. Gammon, Atlanta, Ga.

### INJURED.

De Silver, U. of Pa., ankle dislocated.  
Kelly, Amherst, hip dislocated.  
Walbridge, Lafayette, nose broken.  
Harvey, Yale, nose broken.  
Cadevalder, Yale, collar bone injured.  
Richey, New Haven, Pa., injured internally.  
Luzelle, New Haven, Pa., collar bone broken.  
Grange, Pittsburg, Pa., brain injured.  
Rose, Pittsburg, Pa., collar bone broken.  
Paulman, Chicago, arm fractured.  
Miller, Ansonia, Conn., injured internally.  
Cutten, Yale, knee injured, but played afterward.  
Corwin, Yale, ankle sprained, but playing now.

alices in that State, now in session,  
passed yesterday, with but three dissent-  
ing votes, a bill making it a misde-  
meanor to play football in that State in  
a public park where an admission price  
is charged.

Discussion of the subject is rife. The  
Journal presents to-day the opinions of  
football experts as well as men and  
women of distinction in other walks of  
life, arguing both sides of the question.

## GEORGIA SOLONS PASS AN ANTI-FOOTBALL LAW.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 8.—All save three  
members of the lower house of the Georgia  
Legislature believe that football is so

believed that the highest type of  
development which athletics  
leave. It but adds to our burden of  
grief for the death of our poor son  
to be used as the leading argument  
in favor of a blow to athletics.

Mrs. Gammon's letter to Representative  
Nevin was as follows:  
"Dear Mr. Nevin—It would be the great-  
est favor to the family of Von Gammon  
if your influence could prevent a bill from  
being used as an argument de-  
ment to athletic cases and its advance-  
ment at the University. His love for  
college and his interest in all manly  
sports, without which he deemed the high-  
est type of manhood impossible, is well  
known by his classmates and friends, and  
it would be inexpressible to have the  
cause he held so dear injured by his ac-  
tion. Grant me the right to request that  
for all possible consideration pertaining  
to the welfare of its students, if they are  
given the means and the confidence their

## FOOTBALL PROHIBITED BY LAW IN GEORGIA.

Text of the Bill Which Passed the House of Representatives of That State  
Yesterday with but Three Dissenting Votes.

Section 1—Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, and it is hereby en-  
acted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for  
any person or persons to come together and play a prize or match game of football in any park or other  
place in this State where a fee is charged for admission to the same.

Section 2—Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that each and every person vio-  
lating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction therefor shall be  
punished as prescribed in Section 1,039, of Volume 3, of the Code of Georgia of 1895.

tended the Tennessee University at Lexing-  
ton, Ky. It is no longer football—but fight-  
ball. The game ought to be limited and kept  
within the bounds of true sport. It should not  
be allowed to become brutal. Many persons  
have been disabled for life.

John H. Gardner—College athletics have been  
tolerated because there is nothing else to keep  
young men virtuous while leading sedentary  
lives at college. The effectiveness of youth  
must be allowed to work itself out in some way.  
Nothing can do it like severe athletic training.  
It removes those desires leading to wrong-  
doing. Teachers and guardians may as well  
recognize the philosophy and the fact, so well  
known to physicians, that college athletics act  
as a safety valve for young men. It subdues  
their animal spirits and converts their energies  
into brain and muscle. It leads their minds  
into healthful channels.

## COLLEGE EXPERTS DEFEND THE GAME.

Football Not Brutal.  
Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—I do not con-  
sider football brutal. On the contrary, I think  
highly of the game as a part of a man's edu-  
cation.  
C. T. COPELAND,  
Lecturer on English Literature, Harvard Uni-  
versity.

Intellectual Skill a Factor.  
Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—  
To the Editor of the New York Journal:  
Though there are certain elements of brutal-  
ity in football, it seems to me that the sci-  
entific training which the game affords, not only  
in teaching a man to work with other men,  
but by instructing him to work for a definite  
worthy end, offsets all of the disadvantages.  
When one considers the great advantage which  
American boys are getting by this exercise, the  
brutality is not considered. Considering the  
game from the point of a view of the big con-  
tests, the brutal element is practically elimi-  
nated. There are few pleasures greater than  
the witnessing of men of weight and strength  
defeating by a scientific succession of plays,  
that is, by intellectual skill, men physically  
their superiors.  
CHARLES GUILK,  
Editor of Harvard Crimson and Yale Debater.

Has Scientifically Progressed.  
Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—  
To the Editor of the New York Journal:  
Football is a contest in which strength, grit,  
strategy are winning powers. It is brutal as  
so far as this is a contest of persons, but in  
so far as this contest is directed by intelligence  
and discretion the contest is a scientific one,  
and in recent years the advance in the sci-  
entific phase of football has greatly diminished  
the brutality and brought into prominence those  
features of the game which all lovers of true  
sport enjoy.  
(Signed)  
J. A. KEITH,  
Debater against Yale.  
Nothing Can Take Its Place.  
Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—

to shine in the true light on the gridiron. It  
takes brains, muscle, hard long hours of prac-  
tice and training to make a football player for  
even a lesser college team. The cool-headed,  
cool-blooded gentleman athlete is always the  
star of the "grid." We hear too much of the  
brutality of the football field. We are told too  
little of the brilliant science of American foot-  
ball is the grandest athletic feat in the world,  
and it is growing cleaner every year.  
FRANK A. HINKEY,  
Formerly Yale Captain.

More Brutal Than Scientific.  
Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—  
To the Editor of the Journal:  
In football, a game in which bodily shock  
and personal contact are absolutely necessary,  
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such games present more brutality than science.  
I remember distinctly the last Harvard-Yale  
game, when player after player left the game  
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considers the last Harvard-Wesleyan game  
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this game was not an exception. Here was a  
game where there was no bitter feeling, and  
yet this man's hip was dislocated, and as a  
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EDGAR L. LOGAN,  
The last, brutal, EDWARD L. LOGAN,  
President of the Harvard Catholic Club,  
Both Scientific and Healthful.  
Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—

To the Editor of the New York Journal:  
I consider football to be both a scientific and  
healthful sport. That brutality in the game is  
the exception rather than the rule. In a game  
where so many players are injured it is bound to be  
a great many men injured. In baseball, which is

To the Editor of the New York Journal:  
In the minds of all who delight in wholesome,  
manly sports, nothing can take the place of  
football as at present played in our leading  
schools and colleges. There is scarcely a faculty  
of value which the games does not cultivate.  
(Signed)  
W. E. DOBBS,  
Secretary of the Harvard Union.

Men Are Trained to Stand It.  
Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—  
To the Editor of the New York Journal:  
There are accidents in football, as there are  
in every game. The chances may be great in  
football, but the men are trained to stand more.  
Their endurance is developed to an astounding  
degree, and if the players are injured they are  
simply taking an ordinary chance. Still, that  
to be a brute or a thing is not the great  
Autumn game well. It is essential, though,  
that a man be a man, physically and mentally.  
(Signed)  
W. S. FITZ,  
Harvard Varsity Baseball Nine.

Kilkenny Contests Are Brutal.  
To the Editor of the N. Y. Journal:  
North Tonsawanda, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Is foot-  
ball brutal? No, not football. Some Kilkenny  
contests, often mimicked football, are decidedly  
brutal, but the genuine American intercollegiate  
game is never, never brutal. It is not necessary  
to be a brute or a thing to play the great  
Autumn game well. It is essential, though,  
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supposed to be a game free from danger, men  
are injured, ankle broken and men are killed,  
still the public rather applauds than condemns  
the game. Still, I think that the rules must be  
modified as to mass plays. The trouble,  
wherever it arises is not with the game, but  
the way it is played.  
(Signed)  
JOHN R. MVEY,  
Harvard Varsity Baseball Nine.

In Numbers and Typographically  
the Sunday Journal "Want" Supple-  
ment last Sunday surpassed all previous  
efforts. There was also a gain of 1,232  
"wants" over corresponding Sunday  
last year.

STICKING PLASTER HERE.  
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Complete Medical Outfit for Injured  
in Their Clubhouse.

If by any mischance a cyclist should  
happen to fall from his bicycle near the  
beginning of the cycle path to the ocean,  
barking his shins, bruising his muscles  
and otherwise disabling him, he will find  
not far away, at No. 41 Prospect avenue,  
in the rooms of the Windsor Terrace B.

## LEGISLATION MAY LESSEN DANGER.

By Walter Camp.  
Coach of the Yale Team.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 8.  
I do not think the accidents so far recorded this year can be attributed  
to mass plays, but I believe the coming year will witness some additional  
legislation in the football convention that will have a tendency to lessen to  
some extent such dangers as may at present exist in the methods of play. I  
think if you were to compare the accidents on the football field with other  
accidents, such as drowning, etc., that you would find there was not such a  
remarkable number of accidents due to football in comparison. Whether we  
have at present reached the minimum of accidents in the game as it is now  
played can only be determined by experiments.

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Pastor of the Bloomingdale Reformed Church.

of an adverse to having my son's  
name used to defend a game to  
which he was so passionately de-  
voted," she said. "My boy's greatest  
pride was in athletics, as was his  
older brother, and he was never  
happier than when engaged in ath-  
letic sports. He loved athletics and

loyalty and high sense of duty deserves.  
Yours most respectfully,  
"VON GAMMON'S MOTHER."

EMINENT PHYSICIANS  
DISCUSS THE GAME.

Dr. J. D. Bryant—I think there is need  
of wise physical education in modern football.  
Dr. Louis A. Sayre—I have seen but  
two games of modern football. I call it a  
heavily, brutal exhibition. It is not like the  
old-fashioned football which was played when I lit-

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## FATHER DESHON DEFENDS THE GAME.

By Father George Deshon,  
Superior of the Paulist Fathers.

I do not think that football is a very brutal sport, and see no reason why  
the young collegians of the present day should be restrained from exercising  
their science and muscle on the gridiron.

I have not witnessed a football game in many years, and my conclusions  
are drawn principally from recollections of the game as it was played on the  
campus at West Point fifty years ago.

In those days we played according to Rugby rules and kicked the ball.  
There was nothing at all brutal in the sport and very little science used. Ac-  
cidents would occur occasionally, however, but our bruises were soon healed,  
and the game continued.

I understand that entirely different rules govern at the present time, and  
that serious accidents are of common occurrence. This should not be so, and  
I hope that the plays liable to cause injury to the players will be eliminated  
from the game.

Football Player  
Killed on a Train.

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 8.—Victor Seneca, a  
pupil at the Indian school and brother of  
school several years. His body was to-  
night removed to his former home at Cat-  
taugus, N. Y.

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you many an opportunity. We've  
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